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REPORTS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Payments by the Town Treasurer, from March 1, 1871, the time of the last settlement with the Auditors, to March 1, 1872.

Paid Newell J. Nye, board of Selectmen and Auditors	\$5 50
Frank Nelson, assistance rendered Lizzie Corey .	5 00
Martin L. Walker, support of water trough .	3 00
Whittier P. Mastin, damage	3 00
Enoch Page, services as Auditor and taking affidavits	11 25
Edmund Chadwick, damage on plough . .	3 77
J. A. Hazen, damage	1 00
Benj. F. Pillsbury, money paid for expenses, &c.	3 10
Benj. F. Pillsbury, services as Selectman, 1870 .	86 00
Benj. F. Pillsbury, services as Overseer of Poor 1870	37 37
Emery Bailey, repairing roads	13 58
David Cooper, coffin for D. Favor	14 00
Jacob K. Adams, support of water trough . .	2 00
Richard M. Howlett, repairing roads . . .	4 44
George C. Eaton, sheep killed	32 00
David M. Fisher, repairing roads	10 80
Leonard H. Wheeler, services as Selectman, 1870	61 00
Truman Putney, services as Treasurer, 1870 .	50 00
Henry S. Kimball, services as S. S. Committee 1870	57 25
Louisa M. Roby, support of Abiah Roby . .	10 00
John U. Blodgett, balance salary on Town Farm .	200 00
Converse Gage, services as Selectman, 1870. .	63 71

Paid Morrill & Silsby, for blanks	\$5 71
J. G. Titecomb, breaking roads	1 60
Lewis G. Barber, building privy in School District No. 8	12 00
Converse Gage, interest on note	7 28
George F. Willey	6 00
Charles C. Pike, making returns of deaths	5 75
Benj. P. Sargent, digging graves	12 00
Benj. P. Sargent, pro. mon. assigned F. W. Baptists, 1870	18 93
Benj. F. Pillsbury, Collector's book	75
Calvin F. Flint, support of Hannah Flint	6 21
McFarland & Jenks, printing report	43 50
John Pressey, notes	131 20
Millington C. Morey error in invoice	1 00
Alva D. Colcord, services as Town Clerk, 1870	37 50
Moses Davis, error in invoice	50
Joseph P. Nelson, use of hall	5 00
L. H. Wheeler, money paid out	5 50
David Hart, breaking roads	12 09
Jane Fellows, on note	9 00
Charles C. Pike, med. attend. Calvin Flint	45 75
James M. Sargent, use of hall	10 00
N. H. Asylum, board of Mrs. I. Eastman	57 00
C. C. Morse, snowing bridge	3 75
Bartlett Philbrick, repairing highways	3 25
George Ogilvie, note	69 48
Charles Jewett, note	210 45
Calvin F. Flint, support of Hannah Flint	8 41
Sabrina Palmer, note	81 80
Samuel Blanchard, repairing highways	4 57
Susan Williams, on notes	36 00
Frank Chase, support of J. P. Chase	6 55
David M. Currier, damage on wagon	10 00
Benj. F. Pillsbury, supplies for Hiram Bean	4 88
Moses Hazen, pro. Min. mon., Advent Society	9 79
Johnson Colby, services as Auditor	4 50
Harris Burpee, 3 notes	404 76
Ira F. Rowell, breaking roads	2 10
Amos H. Smith, repairing roads	8 50

Paid Clarinda V. Bates, notes	\$194 09
L. H. Wheeler, repairing roads and plank	12 40
Franklin Blodgett, board of Geo. Hosmer	17 00
Enoch C. Adams, on note	75 00
Henry Davis, on note	50 00
Daniel Mastin, on note	61 93
David Cooper, coffin for Mrs. H. Bean	10 00
L. H. Wheeler, repairing roads	10 50
John G. Hazen, repairing roads	7 75
John C. Howlett, for sheep killed	4 00
Rachel Morgan, error in taxes	5 55
Margaret Littlehale, support of water trough	2 00
Daniel Hardy, repairing roads	2 11
Sabrina Palmer, note	31 05
Betsey Hazen, on note	10 00
Milton B. Wadleigh, repairing roads	19 00
Moses Hazen, note	35 76
Erastus Wadleigh, on note	9 00
Thomas J. Chadwick, digging grave	3 00
Moses Hazen, note	105 50
Thomas W. Nelson, for plank	8 00
George Andrew, support of water trough	3 00
N. H. Asylum, board of Mrs. I. Eastman	15 20
Osman Bailey, notes	1,266 33
Charles L. Andrew, part of salary	50 00
Francis M. Richards, pro. Min. mon. F. W. Baptist, 1871	19 58
Benj. F. Pillsbury, for plank	2 15
James M. Coburn, repairing roads	3 00
Daniel L. Powers, note	51 00
Clarinda V. Bates, note	83 00
Amos H. Hunt, board of B. Sanders	6 50
James M. Peaslee, repairing roads	9 50
Moses Hazen, on note	50 00
Jesse A. Hazen, for land	7 00
Jesse A. Hazen, breaking roads	3 00
Lydia C. Hazen, damage	25 00
David M. Fisher, repairing roads	27 25
Leonard H. Wheeler, money paid out	
Enoch C. Adams, on note	100 00

Paid Sally Kendrick, note	\$16 00
John M. Dow, note	68 86
Mary W. Willey, note	6 00
Stephen Whittier, note	216 00
County Tax,	1,114 14
Lewis G. Barber, repairing highways	11 00
Joseph Harvey, cutting bushes in highways	12 00
Francis Currier, " " "	1 25
Leonard H. Wheeler, money paid for guide boards	4 90
Calvin E. Flint, board of Hannah Flint	16 00
H. T. Mason, on note	36 00
Frank Chase, board of J. P. Chase	6 50
Truman Putney, for blank books	3 00
B. F. Pillsbury, expense running town lines	41 00
Erastus Blake, digging graves	10 50
Thomas J. Leach, note	60 85
Thomas J. Leach, on note	50 00
Jane Pillsbury, on note	25 00
David Cooper, support of water trough	3 00
Elizabeth Palmer, on note	57 00
Moses Hazen, on note	54 46
Moses C. Peaslee, for sugar evaporator	76 10
John Felch, on note	24 00
Timothy Bean, assistance rendered Mrs. H. Bean	5 00
Levi Gile, on note	80 00
J. A. Hazen, repairing highway	20 50
Joseph Morgan, " "	55 80
Emery Bailey " "	6 75
Louisa M. Roby, board of Abiah Roby	8 00
C. C. Pike, medical attend. J. M. Palmer's family	48 50
Samuel Blanchard, on note	101 54
Moses L. Pillsbury, repairing highway	9 28
Timothy C. Lyman, repairing highway	2 00
Abner Ward, on note	28 00
Thomas Leach, "	279 67
Charles Davis, "	254 50
Abner Ward, "	32 00
Alonzo Nelson, damage on wagon	6 00
Mary A. Hazen, on note	10 00
Elizabeth Nelson, on note	32 72

Paid J. G. Titcomb, digging graves	\$2 00
Asa Page, note	75 24
Asa Page, pro. Min. Mon., Universalist Soc., 1871	9 78
C. C. Pike, note	53 03
Betsey Hazen, on note	10 50
Moses C. Peaslee, bridge plank	25 06
Ephraim Bean, on note	51 00
Moses L. Pillsbury, repairing highway	5 80
Eliza J. Palmer, note	90 28
L. H. Wheeler, money paid for repairing highways	11 25
Sophronia Stockwell, on note	10 00
W. W. Coburn, repairing highways	20 73
A. J. Peaslee, repairing highways	4 25
B. F. Pillsbury, paid for bridge plank	3 00
Lewis G. Barber, repairing highway	2 00
Ruel Whitcomb, on note	150 00
G. L. Eaton, school house tax in district No. 14	58 79
Thomas W. Nelson, repairing bridge	4 00
H. P. Rolfe, services in road case	5 00
Joshua Eaton, note	433 78
L. W. Cogswell, State tax	2,016 00
Joseph P. Nelson, plank	5 35
Frank Chase, board of J. P. Chase	6 50
Cyrena O. Bagley, on note	50 00
Calvin F. Flint, board of Hannah Flint	13 00
Daniel W. Couch, bridge plank, &c.	21 14
Levi Gile, on note	60 00
A. D. Follansbee, on note	52 89
Addison A. Bean, "	106 00
Erastus Wadleigh "	264 35
Moses Hazen, services as Auditor	4 50
Joseph Trussell, notes	1,022 17
Moses Hazen, "	100 00
Jane Fellows, on "	9 00
Abner Ward " "	13 89
Charles C. Pike, med. attend. on Monroe Coburn	5 00
Truman Putney, supplies for Mrs. J. Hunt	26 00
Calvin F. Flint, board of Hannah Flint	5 57
Joseph Greeley, Jr. supplies for Hannah Fifield	39 00
David Cooper, supplies for Margaret Fifield	39 00

Paid James R. Smiley, med. attend. Pamela Barker . . .	\$60 00
Thomas Williams, board of Pamela Barker . . .	114 00
Jacob Bean, board of Hannah Huntley . . .	23 50
F. A. Richards, supplies for Richard Burroughs . . .	12 00
“ “ “ Timothy Lyman . . .	6 35
“ “ “ Sarah Haskell . . .	5 03
David Hart, board of Moses Morse . . .	14 07
David Hart, support of water trough . . .	2 00
Frank J. Sanborn, repairing bridge . . .	1 80
Francis Robbins, repairing bridge . . .	30
Alonzo Nelson, damage to horse . . .	55 00
Mary King, on note . . .	25 00
John C. Little, repairing highway . . .	1 50
Ezekiel K. Trussell, note . . .	496 48
Samuel Blanchard, note . . .	646 48
Benj. F. Pillsbury, paid for check lists, &c. . .	2 00
Josiah S. Morgan, note . . .	519 54
Charles A. Fowler, board of Mary R. Harvey . . .	104 00
Charles C. Whittier, board of John Small . . .	40 90
James G. Whidden, digging graves, &c. . .	22 00
James R. Smiley, med. attend. Hannah Fifield . . .	12 75
James R. Smiley, “ “ Hannah Huntley . . .	2 00
Charles C. Pike, “ “ Richard Burroughs . . .	8 75
“ “ “ “ Sarah Haskell . . .	6 00
“ “ “ “ Mrs. W. Folsom . . .	2 50
“ “ “ “ George Hunt . . .	2 50
“ “ “ “ transient pauper . . .	22 00
“ “ “ “ transient pauper . . .	3 00
Eliphalet Gay, note . . .	2,209 04
McAllister & Johnson, supplies for John M. Palmer . . .	6 00
Benj. F. Pillsbury, supplies for John M. Palmer . . .	7 60
Benj. F. Pillsbury, money paid out . . .	4 50
James Newman & Co., sap buckets . . .	77 50
Edward A. Mastin, tender to Jacob Mastin . . .	167 00
Henry V. Little, school money in Dist. No. 1 . . .	175 88
Philip N. Little “ “ 2 . . .	215 76
Josiah S. Morgan “ “ 3 . . .	48 63
Samuel Rowell “ “ 4 . . .	210 97
David Hart “ “ 5 . . .	41 76
Horace Morey “ “ 6 . . .	120 17

Paid Gideon D. Felch	school money in Dist. No. 7	\$96 38
Elliott Wells	" " 8	38 88
Thomas W. Nelson	" " 9	177 32
Jacob K. Adams	" " 10	80 97
James S. Bohonan	" " 12	32 00
Jacob B. Nelson	" " 13	52 70
Alfred Kelley	" " 14	18 04
Sereno Howe, Hunting District		7 42
		<hr/> \$18,159 52

RECEIPTS BY TOWN TREASURER FROM MARCH 1,
1871, to MARCH 1, 1872.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1871	\$1,666 78
Received of Benjamin F. Pillsbury, Selectman, hired money	6,620 72
" of Benjamin F. Pillsbury, Selectman, balance due for support of County paupers, 1870	92 66
" of Benjamin F. Pillsbury, Selectman, note and interest	26 09
" of Benjamin F. Pillsbury, Selectman, support of Joseph P. Chase	6 50
" of Benjamin F. Pillsbury, Selectman, from town of Warner for support of C. F. Flint	45 75
" of Benjamin F. Pillsbury, Selectman, support of John Haskell	5 00
" of Benjamin F. Pillsbury, Selectman, support of Ruth Davis	10 00
" of Benjamin F. Pillsbury, Selectman, support of County paupers, 1871	435 04
" of George Chadwick, Collector	8,689 14
" of John U. Blodgett, town farm Agent	60 00
" of Francis Robbins, interest on note	24 19
" of Leonard H. Wheeler, interest on note	11 20
" of Asa Page, interest on note	6 89
" of Albert A. Durgin, interest on note	23 41
" of Nicholas Rowell, on note	20 00
" of Leonard H. Wheeler, Selectman, from town of New London, support of Barney Saunders	6 50

Received of Leonard H. Wheeler, Selectman, from town of Bennington, support of Pamela M. Barker	\$174 00
" of State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax 1871	264 68
" " " Railroad tax	39 65
" " " Literary Fund 1871	76 20
" of Leonard H. Wheeler, Selectman, hired money	96 00
" of Francis M. Richards, Col. for 1867-68-69	50 37
" of Daniel R. Abbott, interest on note	2 16
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	\$18,452 93

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned, Auditors of the town of Sutton for the year 1871, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen of said town, from the first day of March, 1871, to the first day of March, 1872, find them well vouched and correctly cast, and respectfully submit the following report :

Received by the Treasurer, including the balance on hand the first day of March, 1871	\$18,452 93
Paid out by the Treasurer	18,159 52
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Balance in Treasury	\$293 41

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Amount of notes and interest against the town	\$38,236 35
Due Poor Farm Agent, as salary	200 00
Selectmen, for services, 1871	194 75
Town Clerk, 1871	40 00
Town Treasurer, 1871	50 00
Superintending School Committee	55 00
Collector of Taxes	164 87
School Districts	31 40
Religious Societies	30 64
Support of town paupers	6 00
Literary money, to be divided among the school dists.	75 20

Appropriation for the town library	\$46 00
Sundry small bills outstanding	50 00
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Amounting to	\$39,181 21

AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Cash in the Treasury	\$293 41
Taxes uncollected, 1867	13 11
“ “ 1868	131 12
“ “ 1869	154 69
“ “ 1870	219 01
“ “ 1871	2,362 31
Interest due on minister and school funds	126 42
Due from the U. S., for bounties to soldiers	1,676 00
on notes in favor of the town	56 45
from J. H. Kezar and Wm. Little, for lumber sold	
from the Poor Farm, estimated	226 00
for the board of Ruth Davis	6 00
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Amount,	\$5,264 52

Which being deducted from the liabilities, leaves the
sum of— \$33,916 69
being the present indebtedness of the town.

Should the town receive from the State \$11,715.00 in
bonds, and apply the same to the payment of the
debts, it would reduce the debt to \$22,191 69

ESTIMATED EXPENSES OF THE TOWN FOR THE EN- SUING YEAR.

Superintending School Committee	\$50 00
Agent of the Poor Farm	225 00
Selectmen's services	180 00
Clerk and Treasurer	90 00
Collector and sextons	150 00
Interest on minister and school funds	175 00

Interest on notes against the town	\$2,294 18
Support of town paupers	200 00
Repair of highways and bridges	200 00
Breaking roads	150 00
Printing reports, and Auditors' expenses	55 00
Land damage, for road laid out by Commissioners	200 00
Estimated expense for building said road	125 00
Amount	<u>\$4,094 18</u>

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Interest on minister and school funds	\$175 00
Railroad tax	39 65
Literary fund	80 00
Savings Bank tax	275 00
Amount	<u>\$569 65</u>

Which being deducted from the estimated expenses,
leaves the sum of \$3,524 53

To which add the indebtedness of the town \$33,916 69

And it makes the sum of \$37,441 22

Without deducting State bonds, of \$11,725 00.

JOHNSON COLBY,
ASA PAGE,

Auditors.

SUTTON, N. H., March 1, 1872.

POOR FARM REPORT.

Selectmen's report of the pauper establishment and inventory
of personal property on the farm, as estimated by the under-
signed, Feb. 20, 1872:

Paid out by agent for sundry purposes	\$664 56
Agent's salary for one year	250 00
Stock, hay and provisions on hand March 1, 1871	1,290 87
Interest on cost of farm	1 89

Receipts of agent from all sources	\$845 23
Stock, hay and provisions on hand March 1, 1872	1,015 25
Received for the support of Ruth Davis	79 00
Remains due for support of Ruth Davis	6 00
Money in hands of agent	6 53

INVOICE OF STOCK, HAY, &c.

Two oxen, \$160 ; 3 cows, \$87 ; 1 three years old heifer, \$25 ; 1 two years old heifer, \$20 ; 4 one year old, \$40 ; 2 shoats, \$20 ; 30 hens, \$10 ; 10 tons good hay, \$280 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ ton run hay, \$8 ; a lot of straw, \$10 ; 100 bushel potatoes, \$33 ; turnips and carrots, \$1.25 ; 12 bushels wheat, \$22 ; 50 bushels corn, \$50 ; 15 bushels oats, \$9 ; $3\frac{1}{2}$ bushels meal, \$3 ; flour, \$5 ; 1 bushel grass seed, \$5 ; 400 pounds pork \$45 ; 200 pounds beef, \$12 ; 100 pounds ham, \$12.50 ; 65 pounds fresh meat, \$5.50 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel onions, .75 ; $3\frac{1}{2}$ bushels apples, \$2.50 ; 140 pounds cheese, \$22 ; 24 pounds butter, \$6 ; 65 pounds lard, \$9.75 ; 34 pounds candles, \$5 ; 2 barrels cider \$12 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ barrel vinegar, \$3 ; 1 gallon boiled cider, \$1 ; 180 pounds sugar, \$18 ; $2\frac{1}{4}$ pounds tea, \$2.70 ; dried apple, \$2.40 ; a lot of rolls, \$7 ; 2 barrels soap, \$12 ; a lot of lumber, \$40.

Number of paupers supported on farm, 4.

The balance shown against the farm is readily accounted for, by the depreciation in the value of the stock and quantity of hay ; the past season being unfavorable for hay, the stock necessarily had to be reduced to low figures. Included in the expenditures of the agent, are 250 new tin sap buckets and an evaporator, and an entire new sugar house, which cost in all, \$211.90, and we feel safe in saying that the farm now has one of the best arrangements for making sugar in town, which can hardly fail of becoming a large source of income yearly, if properly managed. The agent has been under the necessity of getting some few articles of furniture for the house, which, together with the repairs and supplies of new farming tools, cost \$50.

Town paupers assisted during the year, not on the farm :

Joseph P. Chase	\$26 00
Mrs. Ira Eastman	72 20

Abiah Roby	\$26 00
John M. Palmer	62 10
J. M. Coburn	5 00
Hiram Bean	19 88

Paid for the support of County paupers:

John Small	\$40 90
Richard Burrows	20 75
Timothy C. Lyman	6 35
Transient paupers	47 00
Hannah Fifield	51 15
Margaret Fifield	39 00
George W. Hunt	2 50
Sarah Haskell	11 03
Moses Morse	14 07
Hannah Flint	49 19
Mary R. Harvey	104 00
Mrs. Joseph Hunt	26 00
Hannah Huntley	20 50

\$433 04

Received from the County for the above named paupers \$433 04

BENJAMIN F. PILLSBURY,
LÉONARD H. WHEELER,
FRANCIS M. RICHARDS,

Selectmen of Sutton.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Sutton:

Your School Committee has the honor to present the following report of the schools in town :

DISTRICT No. 1.

The first term of school in this district was taught by Miss Elsie L. Cheney, with fair success. Good attention was paid to reading and spelling. Attendance quite irregular. The second term was taught by Mr. Warren B. Maxwell. This was the teacher's first essay as a pedagogue, and he met with gratifying success.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss Susie E. Smiley taught the first term of this school, and, as usual, gave general satisfaction by her earnest efforts to promote the interests of the same. The citizens of this district seem to realize the advantages gained by continuing the services of faithful servants. Your committee taught the second term. Most of the pupils manifested an interest in their studies, and we trust the progress made is satisfactory to the district.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The one term of this little school was taught by Miss Carrie P. Watson, of whom, it would be useless for your committee to speak in terms of commendation, as her reputation of being a first class teacher is so well established. It is a matter of regret, that Miss W's health is such as to preclude her taking charge of some one of the larger schools in town. The progress of one little pupil of this school was remarkable.

DISTRICT No. 4.

First term was under the tuition of Miss Mary E. Bailey. Miss B. is a teacher of considerable experience, and is well fitted for her vocation; she met with her usual success in the management of this school. Much patience was required, and it was duly exercised by the teacher.

Mr. Henry A. Rowell had charge of the second term. Owing to circumstances, which it is needless to detail in this report, the school did not sustain its former reputation; indeed, we are obliged to report it as a failure in some respects. The teacher failed, by some means, to secure the confidence and respect of a large portion of the district, and a lack of co-operation of parents with the teacher, made it difficult to achieve success. Some of the pupils made good progress and manifested a laudable desire to learn.

DISTRICT No. 5.

The single term of school in this district, was taught by your committee, who found pupils who were respectful, obedient, and anxious to learn, and who made the teacher's task one of pleasure. We believe the progress made to be fair.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss C. A. Hall taught the first term. Miss H. is entitled to much credit for the manner in which she improved the somewhat lax discipline of this school, and also for the gentleness and patience which she exercised. The school made good progress. Miss B. Josephine Baker taught the second term, and proved a worthy successor of Miss Hall. The progress made reflects credit on the teacher.

DISTRICT No. 7.

The first term was under the tuition of Miss Lettie E. Hook, who preserved good discipline, and did her best to discharge her duties. Miss Althea K. Eaton taught the second. Miss Eaton was earnest and energetic, and the school made good progress.

DISTRICT No. 8.

The single term of school was taught by Miss Nellie M. Eaton, whose first attempt at teaching was quite successful. Good order was preserved, much interest manifested, and altogether the school was quite interesting.

DISTRICT No. 9.

The three terms of school were in charge of Miss Lucie J. Andrews. Miss A. is an experienced and successful teacher, and the district was fortunate in securing her services for this school, which is one of the best in town. The examinations of the school showed that steady progress had been made, and the interest manifested by the pupils was gratifying. Credit is due the citizens and others for encouraging the teacher by occasional visits.

DISTRICT No. 10.

First term taught by Miss S. F. Huntoon. This being Miss H's first experience in teaching, no great results were anticipated, or realized. The discipline was fair, and the final examination showed that some of the pupils had been quite diligent; the more advanced pupils being absent, however, made it difficult to tell the exact progress made.

Miss Mary R. Webster had charge of the second term, and made this school interesting and profitable by her energy and decision. Fully alive to the responsibility of her station, she labored diligently and with excellent success, as was indicated at the final examination.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Miss S. F. Huntoon was teacher of the one term. Several pupils from other districts attending, made this school quite interesting. The attendance, as indicated by the teacher's register, was good, also the progress and discipline.

DISTRICT No. 13.

The first term was taught by Miss Emogene M. Keyser, who gave general satisfaction, and who, by her patience and diligence won the respect of pupils and parents. Good progress was made. Second term was taught by Miss Lucy E. Piper, a teacher of considerable experience, who taught a profitable school, judging from the examinations.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Miss Frank Redington taught the first term of this pleasant little school, with her usual success. Miss J. Frank Barnard taught the second term, which was very short, but the examination proved that the time had been well spent and good progress made.

The schools in town have generally been successful the past year. The teachers, with very few exceptions, have been of a good class, and have manifested a disposition to perform their duties faithfully and conscientiously. In some cases teachers did not fill their registers properly; omitting items of importance, which have caused the committee considerable trouble to collect. We will call the attention of the prudential committees to chap. 5, sec. 18, Digest of School Laws, which declares that "no teacher is entitled to wages until he has returned his register to the school committee and obtained a receipt therefor, which receipt must be delivered to the prudential committee." A strict adherence to the law would save the school committee much trouble and annoyance. We would suggest to parents that much good results from visiting schools and encouraging the teachers. A good teacher is desirous of having his work inspected, and one whose work will not bear inspection, is unfit for the position. Parents should encourage their children to attend school regularly, for regular attendance is essentially necessary to a good school. If a teacher does not manage matters in the school room in a manner satisfactory to a parent, let that parent go to the teacher privately and in a kind and friendly way suggest any improvement in his system; much more good will be accomplished so than by public denunciations or unwise speeches in the presence of scholars. We append a table of statistics of the schools during the past year:—

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of District.	Terms.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages per month, including board.	Whole number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Number between 4 and 14 not attending school.	Number between 14 and 21 unable to read and write.	Visits of School Committee.	Visits of citizens and others.	Visits of Prudential Committee.	Cases of tardiness.	Cases of dismissal.
1	First	10	\$19 00	19	13	1		2	30			4
	Second	14	31 60	31	22	2		2	16		110	85
2	First	13	20 00	41	34	2		2			128	10
	Second	13	40 00	44	37	10		2	14	1	50	10
3	First	12	16 00	3	3			2	3		7	
4	First	10	22 00	39	32	2		2	19	2	85	17
	Second	12	40 00	45	34	11	3	2	19		141	13
5	First	6	24 00	16	13			2	9		1	1
6	First	7	20 00	15	14	2		2	9		46	2
	Second	12	20 00	20	16	1		2	8		17	12
7	First	6	18 00	8	8	1		2	3	1	29	1
	Second	6	20 00	9	8	1		1	9	1	24	3
8	First	11	15 00	16	13	2		2	19	1	55	15
9	First	9	21 00	23	19	5		2	22		47	42
	Second	10	23 00	23	19			2	20		93	14
	Third	9	28 00	14	13			1	6		66	22
10	First	9	13 00	15	13			2	18		22	5
	Second	12	17 00	14	13			2	17		44	2
12	First	9	16 00	13	12			2	10		4	2
13	First	10	16 00	11	10	4		2	11		7	3
	Second	12	16 00	15	12	2		2	21	1	6	
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	Second	5	17 00	9	8			2	9			1



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